IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Albert MEADE, Plaintiff

V.S.

1) Theresea DELBASO,
Superintendent, SCI MAHANOY,
PA.D.O.C.,
2) Chaplain [v.____], BOYLES,
FCPD, SCI MAHANOY, PA.D.O.C.,
3) MS. [Janine] MacKNIGHT, CCPM,
SCI MAHANOY, PA.D.O.C.,
4) MS.[JANE] HINMAN, GRIEVANCE
COORDINATOR, SCI MAHANOY,

Civil Rights-Equity §§1981-1986; RLUIPA Emergency Preliminary Injunction

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APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION TO PRESERVE STATUS QUO FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS

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JURISDICTION I..:

PA.D.O.C.,

1) jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C.§§ 1331 and 1343, this being a suit in equity authorized by law, 42 U.S.C.§§1981-1986, to be brought to redress the deprivation under color of state statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage of rights, privileges and immunities secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States or by any act of Congress providing for the equal rights of citizens. These rights here are sought to be protected are rights secured by the First Amendment and the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution for the United States, 42 U.S.C.§ 1981-1986 and RLUIPA (Religious Land Use and Institutionlized Persons Act).

Jurisdiction is further established pursuant to the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution for the United States and Declaratoory Relief can be granted under 28 U.S.C.§§§1651 (the All Wrtis Act), 2201 and 2202 (relief and further relief).

<u>VENUE II.:</u>

2) Venue for this action is in the UNited States Middle District Court for the Third Circuit of Pennsylvania; as defendant(s) have committed the acts complained of here at in SCI MAHANOY, Frackville, Pennsylvania, located in the Middle District of Pennsylvania. The Defendants are not acting under the authority or direction of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections to the best of plantiffs knowledge, but jointly and severally with willful intent to deprive plaintiff and others similarly situated of their Constitutionally secured and guaranateed rights.

PARTIES III.:

- 3) Albert MEADE, plaintiff, is a prisoner in the custody of the State of Pennsylvania, being involuntarily housed in SCI MAHANOY, a sattelite facility of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.
- 4) Plaintiff Albert MEADE is an adult citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Pennsylvania, whose present mailing location is: 301 Morea Rd., Frackville, Pa. 17932.
- 5) Defendant/Respondent Theresea DelBALSO is an adult citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Pennsylvania whose primary mailing address is: SCI MAHANOY, PA.D.O.C., 301 Morea Rd., Frackville, Pa. 17932; DBA MS. DELBALSO, is the facility manager/superintendent and is responsible for the care, custody and control of those under her jurisdiction and also responsible for the instruction, supervision, and training of those under her supervision.
- Operation of the State of Pennsylvania whose primary mailing address is: SCI MAHANOY, PA.D.O.C., 301 Morea Rd., Frackville, Pa. 17932; DBA Chaplain BOYLES, is the FCPD (FACILITY CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR) and is responsible for the religious program and services scheduling and accommodation of those detained and under the jurisdiction of SCI MAHANOY, PA.D.O.C., and also required to fulfill the directive set forth by the Central Office of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, by memo, directive, and action plan policy as well as in accord with both state and federal laws and constitutions.
- 7) Defendant/Respondent MS. [Janine] MacKNIGHT, is an adult citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Pennsylvania whose primary mailing address is: SCI MAHANOY, PA.D.O.C., 301 Morea Rd., Frackville, Pa. 17932; DBA MS. [Janine] MacKNIGHT, is the CCPM (Corrections Counseling Program Manager) and is responsible for the care, custody and control of those under her jurisdiction and also responsible for the instruction, supervision, and training and oversight of those under her supervision.
- 8) Defendant/Respondent MS. [JANE] HINMAN is an adult citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Pennsylvania whose primary mailing address is: SCI MAHANOY, PA.D.O.C., 301 Morea Rd., Frackville, Pa. 17932; DBA MS. [JANE] HINMAN, is the GRIEVANCE COORDINATOR and is responsible for the SCI MAHANOY, which entails to receipt, filing, processing, and resolution as well as monitoring of inmate grievances filed to her office. She also appoints and directs investigators to investigate and makes findings of fact based on procedural rules established under department of corrections reguslation pursuant to state and federal law.

PROCEEDINGS IV.:

9) This is a proceeding for an Emergency Preliminary Preventative Injunction to Preserve the Status Quo, enjoining defendants, both jointly and severally from obstructing, denying and refusing to allow or permit, the mandatory religious observance of the men of the Jewish faith at SCI MAHANOY and involuntarily confined within the State of Pennsylvania. The Defendants are compelling, and threatening to further compell and deprive the plaintiff and others similarly situated of his/their inalienable rights, to wit, not to deprived of proper observance of Passover nor be compelled to defile themselves under the commandments as enumerated in the TORAH and as set out in the Jewish faith, now, and thoughout the period of time known as Passover (Pesach).

^{1.} Note: Passover begins on March 30, 2018 after sundown through and including April 7, 2018 antil sundown, the first day (eve) seder is the ritual (3/30/18) and the Holy Payment, the second day is the "nock seder.

STATEMENT OF FACTS VI.:

- 10) On or about March 24 2018 plaintiff was advised that the ecelbration of passover was to be delayed until April 4th, 2018 due to staffing issues and the institutional staff and religious department not allowing those of the Jewish faith to celebrate their 2 seders.
- 11) One of the 2 seders is a celabratory meal with rituals before, during, and after the meals which are germane and necessary to fulfill to religious prescribed mandate, rather Command of the TORAH which was given by G-D, blessed is His name, to the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai over three thousand years ago.
- 12) The Department will only allow one hour to fulfill this obligation which is not sufficient to fulfill the ritual mandated readings, and acts, which must be performed during the course of over 2 hours. The Seder must be held after sundown on the first night, and the second Seder is required to be held on the second evening. The second seder is affectionately called a mock seder as it only contains Grape Juice, Matzah (unleavened bread kosher For passover), Horse Radish, Charoset (apple, nuts, and grape juice spread) and piece of bone, bitter herbs, and a roasted egg.
 - 13) The second seder, mock seder, only last approximately 1 1/2 hours.
- 14) Further, it was made known that the dietary department for the Department of Corrections will not provide certified Kosher for Passover meals for the eight days of Passover sufficient to sustain one in good health, nor is the alternative that the department offers a truely certified Kosher for passover meal. This constitutes 24 back to back meals which the prisoner must be deprived of in order to comply with the biblical TORAH command at the hands of the Pa.D.O.C., SCI MAHANOY staff due to alleged budget constraints.
- 15) This plaintiff has provided the Department with an alternative to this Budget Constraint Dilemna, that is plaintiff has adised the department FCPD and CCPM that one of their own religious contractors for the Jewish Services, ALEPH INSTITUTE, located in Surfside, Florida, will provide daily meals to those identified as Jewish for the entire period of Passover. The Department originally agreed, then now declines at the last minute making it impossible for the Jewish men who relied on their original acceptance and agreement to allow these meals, to purchase other items in order to fulfill the obligatory dietary practice during the eight days. (See attracted exhibits at \$6,6,4.C.)
- 16) The actions of the staff are illogical, they on one hand are permittiung the same meals to be purchased by the jewish men for their seder meal and be consumed by them at a seder on the 4th of March, yet are refusing to permit the Jewish men to fulfill the rest of the eight day obligation to eat certified kosher for passover meals. These same meals can be purchased on the Secure Pack or via IBO organization special orders 4 times a year for the general population, but not for the required religious purposes.
- 17) Policy and memo from Central Office require the various SCI's to hold the Passover Seders on the first 2 nights of Passover. It also requires them to provide Matzah (K for P) to the men observing Passover, it further advises them that the meal must be held after sundown on the first night of Passover, and it further states that they must provide a kosher for passover diet for the 8 days of

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passover to the men of the Jewish faith. It also instructs the various SCI's that the ritual service at the Seder will take approximately 1 to 2 hours to complete and that they may need to do an 'Out Count" for the men participating in the Seders. However, again, SCI MAHANOY Staff refuse to comply and are compelling the men to defile themselves with "State Agent" kosher certifed meals for passover which are not sufficient to sustain one in good health with the added "Aren't you guy's supposed to be suffering now?!".

- 18) It is not about suffering, its about the rememberance of the suffering and the redemption of our people by G-D out of bondage, which is to be celebrated and not demeaned nor ignored, as is evidenced by the fact that if a Jew does not comply with the laws of Passover (Pesach) he is to be cut off from his/her people, excised as a punishment.
- 19) For the sake or brevity, and to expidite this Emergency Request due to the time constraints, I conclude with the fact that the liklihood that plaintiff will prevail on the merits of his Civil Rights Action and Obtain a permanent injunction to prevent any more repeats of this issue, against the PA.D.O.C. collectively and SCI MA&HANOY Administration and other staff, individually and through their agents, as well as obtain a favorable jury verdict, punitive and compensatory damages is great.
- 20) Defendants are in violation of their mandatory and contractual duty to comply with main/centraal office policy and directive, therefore they are in violation of their code of ethics and employment contract, thereby void of protection under the 11th Amendment immunity; these unsanctioned actions constitute willful misconduct, 42 Pa.C.S.A.§8550 et seq., and 42 Pa.C.S.A.§ 8501 et seq has no force whhen applied to suits under the Civil Rights Act 42 U.S.C.§§1981-1986. The federal Constitution, Article VI, cl.2 prevents the state from immunizing entities or individuals alleged to have violated federal law, the actions are an overexaggerated response to a legitimate security concern at the best, and have already been exahustively considered by the PA.D.O.C. main/cerntral office.
- 21) It is noted that last year this plaintiff voluntarily withdrew a similar action, and the Honorable Court entered an order without prejudice to plaintiff refiling in the event that the need arose. It seems that the PA.D.O.C. staff last year and this year are acting in bad faith. Please see Order of the Honorable Judge James Munley, dated April 17, 2017 at 3:17-cv-0638, Middle District of Pennsylvania and subsequent order of termination of case voluntarily due to mutual agreement.
- 22) 28 U.S.C. §§1657, 1652, PROVIDE "1652-the laws of the several states, except where the constitution otherwise require or provide, shall be regarded are rules of decisions in civil actions in the courts of the United States in cases where they apply..."
- 23) "1657-Proiority...except that the court shall expedite the consideration of any action brought under chappter 153 of section 1826 of this title, any action for temporary or preliminary injunctive relief, or any other action where good cause is shown.
- 24) Plaintiff has no other plain or adeqate remedy at law or otherwise to prevent the irreparable and grievious constitutional damaged threatened of herein by defendants jointly and severally.

RELIEF REQUESTED:

issue a declaratory judgement that:-

- A) the actions of the defendants, delBalso, Boyles, Mcknight, and Hinman violate plaintiffs rights under the First and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution for the United States of America and that they have and are engaging in willful misconduct 42 Pa.C.S. A. Section 8550 et seq.
- B) Issue a preliminary injunction against the above defendants and all other SCI MAHANOY staff administrators, managment commanding them to comply with the Passover directive, memo, custom, and practice to accommodate as found thoughout the Pa.D.O.C. and federal institutions.
- C) All other relief deemed as well as can be right, just, and equitable under the particulat circumstances of this instant case, including a hearing before the court.

Date: 3/25/18

Respectfully Submitted,

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Albert MEADE

HR-4398, 301 Morea Rd.

Frackville, Pa. 17932

VERIFICATION

I hereby verify that the facts and information setforth herein are true and correct to the best of my personal Knowledge, information and belief and are made subject to the penalties provided for unsworn fulsifications declaration to authorities.

(Albert Means)

Dated: 3/25/18

Whatsas Rd. Fackville, pa. 1793

Certificate of Service

I hereby verify/certify that I have served the parties indicated below which satisfies the requirements in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

By first Class U.S. Mail placed in the internal prison mail system (box), to:

- 1) Superintendent Del Salso ScImahanoy, PA.D.O.C. Box Morea Ad. Frackville, Par. 1793a
- 2) Chipi Bayles, Fepo Scamehanoy, PA. Doc. Boincare Rd. Frzekville, Pa. 17932
- 3) Ms. J. Macknight, CCPM SCI-mahanoy, PAIDOC, 301 Morea Rdi Frackville, Pail7932

- 4) Ms. Jane Hinman, Girevaria Coccidentator, SCI Mahanoy PA.D.O.C., 301 Morez Rd, Frackville, Pa. 17932
- 5") United States Distict, Clerk, 3rd Circuit U.S. Post Office, J. Nealon Bldg, P.O. Box 1148 Scranton, Pa. 18501

Date: 3/25/18

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Orders that are faxed in or placed via U.S. mail without prior approval will not be processed.

Please fill out this form, scan & email it to passover@aleph-institute.org to be processed. Please call 305-864-5553 to confirm that your order has been received or if you have any difficulties emailing your order.

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1 Seder Meal Only

2 Seder Meals

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• If you have no funds available for these items, check here

Donated orders: We will only ship donated orders on condition that all Passover food items will be distributed exclusively to Jewish inmates for their use to meet their Passover religious requirements and the entire order will be distributed during Passover to them including any "extra" or excess remaining items. (These items should not be used before Passover for a mock Seder. Extra grape juice and matzo can be kept for Sabbath observances)

- · IMPORTANT: Please notify the warehouse of incoming food items to expedite delivery of your order.
- Items should arrive no later than 4-6 days before Passover under normal circumstances.

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